

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**CLAIM HISTORY**

Claims 1 - 20 are presently pending.

Claims 1 – 7 and 13 - 20 are rejected.

Claims 1 – 7, 9, 11, and 13 - 20 are hereby cancelled.

Claims 8, 10, and 12 have been put into allowable form by rewriting them in independent form as:

new Independent Claims 21, 22, and 23 that each include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

New Dependent Claim 24 (old Claim 17 reciting locking mechanism that now depends from new independent Claim 21).

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (cancelled and rewritten to New Independent Claim 21).

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 cancelled and (rewritten to New Independent Claim 22).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled and rewritten to New Independent Claim 23).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (cancelled and rewritten to New Dependent Claim 24).

Claim 18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (new) A self-illuminating fabricated solid object assembly comprising:

- a) at least one visually exposed surface;
- b) at least one aperture, said aperture opening on an accessible surface;

- c) at least one optical fiber positioned within said solid object;
- d) a first end of said optical fiber visually terminating at said visually exposed surface of said solid object;
- e) a second end of said optical fiber operatively related to said aperture to receive light,
- f) at least ~~on~~ one receptacle operatively relating to said at least one aperture, said receptacle receiving said second end of said optical fiber providing for said second end of said optical fiber to receive light,
- g) at least one receptacle receiving an exchangeable light source providing for transmission of light from said exchangeable light source to said first end of said optical fiber, wherein said light source additionally comprises at least one fiber optic cable, said cable adapted for the transmission of light from said at least one exchangeable light source.

Claim 22 (new) A self-illuminating fabricated solid object assembly comprising:

- a) at least one visually exposed surface;
- b) at least one aperture, said aperture opening on an accessible surface;
- c) at least one optical fiber positioned within said solid object;
- d) a first end of said optical fiber visually terminating at said visually exposed surface of said solid object;
- e) a second end of said optical fiber operatively related to said aperture to receive light,
- f) at least ~~on~~ one receptacle operatively relating to said at least one aperture, said receptacle receiving said second end of said optical fiber providing for said second end of said optical fiber to receive light,
- g) at least one receptacle receiving an exchangeable light source providing for transmission of light from said exchangeable light source to said first end of said optical fiber, wherein said light source additionally comprises at least one fiber optic cable, said cable adapted for the transmission of light from said at least one exchangeable light source,

wherein said at least one fiber optic cable is received by a plurality of solid objects.

Claim 23 (new) A self-illuminating fabricated solid object assembly comprising:

- a) at least one visually exposed surface;
- b) at least one aperture, said aperture opening on an accessible surface;
- c) at least one optical fiber positioned within said solid object;
- d) a first end of said optical fiber visually terminating at said visually exposed surface of said solid object;
- e) a second end of said optical fiber operatively related to said aperture to receive light,
- f) at least ~~on~~ one receptacle operatively relating to said at least one aperture, said receptacle receiving said second end of said optical fiber providing for said second end of said optical fiber to receive light,
- g) at least one receptacle receiving an exchangeable light source providing for transmission of light from said exchangeable light source to said first end of said optical fiber, wherein said light source additionally comprises at least one fiber optic cable, said cable adapted for the transmission of light from said at least one exchangeable light source,
wherein on at least one visually exposed surface a plurality of predetermined patterns for receiving light comprise informational messages.

Claim 24 (New) The self-illuminating object assembly, as recited in Claim 21, wherein said at least one receptacle comprises locking means for securely holding said light source means in place.